

VOTER'S GUIDE

ELECTION/ELECCIÓN 2003

**ROCKVILLE MUNICIPAL ELECTION:
Tuesday, November 4, 2003**

Referendum Asks: 2 years or 4?

In addition to the election of a new Mayor and Council, voters also will find on the Nov. 4 ballot a non-binding advisory referendum on the length of terms of the Mayor and Council.

Currently, all members of the Mayor and Council are elected every two years. The referendum asks voters if they would prefer that all terms be two or four years.

The advisory referendum on the length of terms of office stemmed from a recommendation of the Charter Review Commission that was appointed by the Mayor and Council in summer 2002. The commission of residents was asked to study a number of issues related to the City's election laws. Although the commission found that most policies did not seem in need of change, it did recommend that the length of terms be extended.

The commission was not unanimous in its recommendation and in its report, which was delivered to the Mayor and Council on Dec. 31, 2002. In that report, the commission wrote: "Little objective evidence exists that four-year terms inherently are better than two-year terms. One of the strongest points in favor of four-year terms discussed by the commission was anticipating a growth in cross-jurisdictional affairs handled by the Mayor and Council and the advantage of having more stable elected officials handling such issues over a longer term."

The referendum holds only advisory status. If a majority of voters favor extended terms, the new Mayor and Council still would have the option to change the charter or to retain two-year terms. Extended terms would **not** be in effect for the Mayor and Council elected this Nov. 4. The longer terms would go into effect in 2005.

In 1997, a similar non-binding referendum gained a slight majority of voter approval to extend terms, but the then-Mayor and Council chose to leave the length of terms at two years. ■

The referendum on the ballot is worded as follows:

Should the terms of office for the Mayor and Councilmembers, effective for the election in November, 2005, be two or four years?

**RESPONSE:
Two Years or Four Years?**

Voter Registration: Even Election Day Is Not Too Late

It is never too late to register to vote in Rockville.

The City's Election Ordinance allows eligible residents to register at City Hall up to 30 days before an election, but that is not the final opportunity. Although this year's rolls closed Monday, Oct. 6, the ordinance calls for the rolls to reopen on Election Day (Nov. 4).

To register on Election Day, City residents must come to City Hall at 111 Maryland Ave. Those residents also would vote at City Hall.

Proof of Rockville residency and photo identification, such as a driver's license or state ID card, are required of those who register on Election Day. If the photo ID does not include an address, a document issued by a corporation no more than 90 days before the election, and showing a Rockville address (lease, utility bill or student ID), may be presented as proof of residency. Current real estate tax bills also will be accepted.

To register, a resident must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be at least 18 years old by Nov. 4, 2003

For more information, call the City Clerk's Office at 240-314-8286. ■



Election 2003 Candidates for Mayor of Rockville



Larry Giammo

I have worked hard to achieve the goals that I laid out during the 2001 election:

Revitalize Town Center – We are now poised to redevelop the area between Middle Lane and Beall Avenue which, when completed in early 2006, will become Rockville's social and cultural hub – the heart that our community has lacked for so long.

Thoughtfully manage growth – The City Council and I have acted decisively to protect residents' interests and our quality of life – for example, through new limits on development and stronger zoning ordinances.

Provide strong advocacy for Rockville – I have worked hard to build highly productive relationships with elected officials at the county, state and federal levels. As a result of these partnerships, Rockville is receiving significant support from all levels of government for priorities like Town Center.

Considerable progress has also been made on many other important issues. Overall, my focus has been to provide the thoughtful, energetic and results-oriented leadership that Rockville needs right now. I want to preserve Rockville's hometown feel, build on our city's already-strong sense of community, and ensure that our city will always be a great place to raise a family and a truly special place to live.

It's been an honor to serve you as Mayor. I look forward to the opportunity to continue working with you – to build on the accomplishments of the last two years and to keep the momentum going on important initiatives like town center. I ask for your vote on November 4. Thank you. ■

For more information:
<http://www.larrygiammo.org>



Russ Hamill

I am running for Mayor because, like many of you, I am uneasy about the future of Rockville. I care for people and I care for Rockville.

Rockville has been my home for 37 years. I have two children who were raised here and two of my grandchildren are being raised here. I am a proven administrator and manager, retiring as Senior Chief Administrative Officer for Montgomery County after 36 years of service. I hold a Bachelors Degree in Public Administration and a Juris Doctor.

I want Rockville to be family and neighborhood friendly and open and responsive to citizens. We need a Mayor who respects Rockville's history and values, not the current arrogance of power, abuse of citizens, destruction of small business and excessive use of the awesome power of eminent domain and condemnation of private property and people's dreams.

To add insult to injury, this Mayor voted for a 40 percent increase in his stipend. He is also proposing a multi-million dollar taxpayer bailout of the leases at Magruder's Shopping Center. Next is Stonestreet and Moore Drive. What's next? This is failed leadership.

Also, we are losing "hometown values" due to excessive focus on "bricks and mortar" in Town Center and throughout the community, threatening our neighborhood stability.

Furthermore, the Mayor has discussed changing our government to a full-time Mayor. Our current government has served us well for over 50 years. If it isn't broken, don't fix it.

I plan to use all my experience and skill to keep Rockville, Rockville. ■

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TRC 11, Web are Fastest for Election News

For the latest on the 2003 Election for Rockville Mayor and Council, including live results on election night, tune into The Rockville Channel (Cable Channel 11) or watch online at www.rockvillemd.gov. Both sources will have the latest information, first.

On the City's Web site, candidate photos and statements are posted in English and Spanish. Voting information, a map of the polling sites and much more are available by clicking on the "Election" logo on the right hand side of the home page.

Since early October, TRC has regularly been running "The Candidates," which includes four-minute, unedited statements from each of the two candidates for Mayor and all eight candidates for Council.

"The Candidates" will continue to run through Election Day. It can be viewed: Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.; Daily, 5 p.m.; Thursday, 8:30 p.m.; Sunday - Wednesday, Friday, 11 p.m.

On election night the Web site and TRC will provide live coverage of the election. TRC will broadcast live from 9-10 p.m., with the broadcast also available via streaming video on www.rockvillemd.gov. Along with immediate results from the polls, the broadcast will include interviews with voters, election analysis and interviews with winning candidates.



Election 2003: Candidates



Bob Dorsey

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Rockville City Councilman these past 10 years.

We have been through a lot together. TOGETHER continues to be the operative word here in Rockville. As Town Center comes together bringing the new library, retail and residential spaces, we can visualize a Rockville where we will be able to literally get together for a great time with our friends and neighbors.

There is still a lot for us to accomplish together. Together, with involved volunteer board and commission members, motivated professional staff and informed civic activists, we can continue to keep Rockville a wonderful place to be. Rockville is a fantastic collection of neighbors living, loving, working and raising families together. Please allow me to continue listening to your concerns, and advocating for Rockville in the county, in Annapolis and at the regional and national levels. We are in it together.

The issues are many, and include Town Center redevelopment, Falls Grove, Tower Oaks and King Farm development, traffic and transportation, as well as neighborhood plans, code enforcement and environmental sensitivity. We must work together to solve our problems without creating new problems for ourselves or others. We can and must work together to keep Rockville a well-managed, livable city.

Please re-elect Bob Dorsey to your City Council. When you made your decision to come to Rockville, you knew it was a good decision. We are committed to helping you continue to believe in the wisdom of your decision to stay here.

For more information:
<http://www.votedorsey.com>



John F. Hall, Jr.

As your Councilmember, I've kept my promise to be an effective leader, life-saver and listener.

I authored the landmark legislation that made Rockville a leader in the nation by requiring fire sprinklers in all new residential development, and I supported **over 100 new pedestrian improvements**, which **reduced pedestrian incidents in Rockville by nearly 40 percent last year**.

I also kept my promise to improve the openness and accessibility of our City government. I led the Council in requiring broadcasting of Mayor and Council worksessions and Planning Commission meetings, to provide residents a greater understanding of the workings of our government. I remain committed to ensuring that our government is **open, responsive, honest and excellent**.

Livable neighborhoods also are a priority with me, and I carried that principle through to action in the new Master Plan that places **new limits on development** and puts a premium on **preserving the quality, character and heritage of our neighborhoods**. I also voted to adopt strict controls on development adjacent to residential communities, so that new and infill development is compatible with the local community.

But livable neighborhoods aren't just about sensible limits on development; they're also about **safe, walkable streets**. That's why I have worked to improve street lighting in our communities, to provide new sidewalks and to slow-down traffic in our neighborhoods. Still, there is more we can do together, and I ask for your vote to help me continue those efforts.

Please re-elect John Hall to the City Council. Thank you.

For more information:
<http://www.his.com/jhall>



Susan R. Hoffmann

Two years ago, I stood for election for the Council and I am honored that you chose me to serve. Now, I am asking you to allow me to continue my work for you.

As a member of the Rockville Council I am proud of:

- Chairing the Rockville Art in Private Development Task Force
- Creation of the Green Building Recognition Award for environmentally sustainable buildings
- My plan for Rockville's Downtown Shuttle to connect neighborhoods to Town Center and Metro
- Recommending the Alliance of Rockville Neighborhood Associations
- Refusing a pay increase

But my work is not done. I pledge to:

- Make Town Center a reality
- Champion the Arts in our City
- Continue to protect and strengthen neighborhoods
- Improve pedestrian safety
- Mitigate traffic impacts and encourage transit use
- Continue high level City services
- Continue fiscal responsibility

I am still committed to protecting and strengthening Rockville's neighborhoods. For example, during the creation of the Town Center, we must minimize traffic impacts, and mitigate construction disruption.

I pledge to continue to provide the highest level of city services, to insist on government that is responsive to our citizens, and to require that Rockville adheres to responsible fiscal practices.

I am enjoying the campaign and the opportunity to campaign actively in every one of our neighborhoods.

Serving on the Council is a great job and I really like doing it. Please vote for me on November 4.

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Phyllis Marcuccio

Rockville is my hometown. It's where I attended school, vote and pay taxes. I am the innovative, energetic past President of the East Rockville Civic Association who championed the creative revitalization efforts in our neighborhood and in our Master Plan that have brought a new respect and image to our community. Leadership, innovation, commitment and competence are qualities I bring to the office along with executive experience and a distinguished career in science education.

Rockville must address:

- *Traffic*: implement better control within the city; redirect pass-through vehicles; improve pedestrian safety
- *Neighborhoods*: keep them safe from encroachment; maintain the quality of life
- *Rockville Town Center*: build it for current residents' needs as well as those who are not yet here; foster small businesses
- *Metro Development*: ensure "Intelligent Growth" at all four sites that impact our City
- *Historic Roots*: preserve them
- *Environment*: maintain and expand green spaces
- *A Science Complex*: add a center, museum and meeting place
- *City Services*: maintain high quality police, fire and waste removal services; prepare adequately for our expanding population
- *Mayor and Council Elections*: keep two-year terms
- *Citizenship*: foster U.S citizenship programs and voting
- *Preparedness*: ensure integration with county/state
- *Farmers' Market*: help it grow!

I will be a Councilperson for ALL of Rockville — a City of neighborhoods. I will bring great energy, a record of service and a clear choice for a new voice on the Rockville City Council.

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Absentee Ballots: Mail Early

Registered voters who are unable to vote at their district polling place on election day, or who will be out of town, can vote by absentee ballot.

To have the ballot mailed to you, a signed application must reach the City Clerk's Office in City Hall by Tuesday, Oct. 28. After that date, the voter, or an authorized agent, must pick up the ballot in person at City Hall.

Applications will be accepted and processed through Election Day, Nov. 4. No ballot that arrives after Election Day is counted.

Absentee ballot applications can be obtained at the City Clerk's Office between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., weekdays. Applications for the absentee ballot also can be downloaded in a PDF format from the City's Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov.

After business hours and on weekends, eligible residents can call 240-314-8286 and leave their address on the automated message line. An application will be mailed. ■

Voters With Disabilities: Curbside Help

Curbside voting will be available to any person who is brought to the polls in a car, but is unable to get from the car into the voting room because of a physical inability to manage stairs or slopes which constitute a barrier, or because the walking distance from the car to the voting room would be too physically taxing.

In order for an eligible person to take advantage of curbside voting, he or she must arrive at the polls in a car and have a companion go to the election room and notify the election judges. A judge will then verify the voter's eligibility and take the ballot, the voting device and other materials to the car. After voting, the voter seals the marked ballot in a privacy envelope that the judge then carries to the voting room and deposits in a secure location. The ballots will be counted in the same way that absentee ballots are counted.

For more information, call the City Clerk's Office at 240-314-8286. ■

for Rockville's City Council



Travis Nelson

I am running for Rockville City Council because I want to bring solid leadership back to our community, reclaim our heritage and restore Rockville to its rightful place as the shining star of Montgomery County.

To achieve this brighter future for all Rockville residents, I have made it the theme of my campaign to put Rockville Families First. As part of my Families First approach, I will focus every decision of government on maximizing the quality of life for Rockville families, from economic development, to traffic safety and crime prevention measures, to new construction and the environment.

The first step is earning your vote, but that is only the beginning. You're going to see me in your communities, working with neighborhood residents to accomplish neighborhood goals. Whether it's organizing a neighborhood watch task force in Lincoln Park, reducing speeding along Wootton Parkway, ensuring responsible development in Twinbrook, or working with King Farm and Falls Grove residents to lobby for a new elementary school—I'll fight for all Rockville neighborhoods.

President Kennedy challenged us to "pass the torch to a new generation of Americans." I represent a new generation of Rockville leadership. I have a proven record of public service and I understand that public office is a privilege and a sacred trust.

I ask for your help this November. Let us work together to build an even better community, where people are united in a common cause, where opportunities are limitless, and where the promises of tomorrow are realized today.

For more information:
<http://www.nelson2003.com>



Anne Robbins

Four years ago, in this publication, when I first asked for your support for City Council, I pledged to you that I would work "to retain Rockville's identity as a great community in which to live, work and raise our families." I also pledged to "remain accessible to you."

During my first and second terms as your Councilwoman, I have tried my best to fulfill these important pledges. My record on the Council has been one of putting the preservation and strengthening of Rockville's neighborhoods above the interests of excessive development. In my Council work, I always ask myself the question, "Does this action help or hurt neighborhoods?"

Another major consideration in representing the best interests of our neighborhoods is to make the safety of our pedestrians a top priority. I will continue to support better pedestrian safety and more traffic slowing measures in the City, including the new Town Center. I have been "out in front" in making Wootton Parkway and its adjoining neighborhood streets safer for the community, and I will continue to vigorously oppose any move to widen the Wootton Parkway.

A priority of mine continues to be high quality City services to residents with a special emphasis on the needs of children and senior citizens. I also believe that our commitment to public safety must remain very strong given the issues that our region has been facing. Rockville must remain a safe and healthy community for our residents.

For more information:
<http://www.annerobbins.com>



Harry W. Thomas, Jr.

You're the Boss!

Rockville is my home and I will be the voice for all citizens on issues and programs that will improve our City and our quality of life. Let me know if there is anything specific relating to our City or your neighborhood. I will bring these issues forward for Council action and resolution. I'll never forget who I'm working for. I am committed to you as citizens of Rockville.

Reasons for running for the Rockville City Council:

Traffic Congestion:

- Work to relieve congestion on city streets

Transportation:

- Work for reduced transportation costs for seniors and students
- Work to establish a City-operated shuttle system from the Rockville Metro Station to Rockville businesses

Town Center Revitalization:

- Work to bring new businesses and housing to Town Center

Youth and Recreation:

- Work to establish programs designed to help our youth develop into caring citizens who contribute to our community

Parking:

- Work to promote the design and construction of new parking districts and garages

Community Issues:

- Work to involve seniors in mentoring the youth of our community
- Work to secure affordable housing and reduced fee structure for city utilities and programs for senior citizens
- Work to provide a program, updated daily, on Channel TRC 11 that is designed to inform residents of current Rockville City news
- Work to alleviate the overcrowded conditions in City Hall

For more information:
<http://www.harrywthomas.com/>



Lih Young

Producer/host: TV programs, Citizen Times/Twilight of Judiciaries/Federal Shambles. Democrat, candidate 1994-, local-federal, primary-general; webs: Congress, DNet, city, civic-linkages; telecasts, materials in public offices (tampered/photo removed/party changed; uncorrected/complaints disregarded). **STOP:** current Town Center Plan; \$99+ millions public fund for private gain; reimbursing private expenses; fraud, public debt, unjust practices: abuse/misleading/deceit/falsification; law/power/litigation; land deal/ condemnation/abandonment of property/demolition of good buildings; budget/program/public hearings; fraud-crime networks: OPM, DOJ, IRS, SSA, FBI, law enforcement, agencies, National Park Services; court/legal/phony personnel; car-dealer Lakeforest Oldsmobile; financial/brokerage/accounting/insurance/benefit/billing, phone/utilities,...; Michael Subin, Derick Berlage, Marilyn Praisner, Douglas Duncan, Bruce Romer, Paul Glasgow, Terry Treschuk, Michael England, Sergio Hurtado, Victor Sajauskas, Beth Prichard, Linda McDermitt, Teresa James; Cornelius Vaughey, Jeffrey Ward, Joanne Robert/Robertson, Patricia McCarthy, Kristen Bender, Patricia Hines Via, David Boynton, Bettie Skelton, Loretta Knight, Cindy McAllister, Elliot Tolbert, Eileen Stigler, Molly Ruhl, Leslie Gradet, Tamera Jones, William D Roessler; Judges Collier, James McKenna, S., Michael Pincus, James Ryan, James Chapin, Martha Kavanaugh, Nelson W. Rupp; comptroller/attorney general's office: Joel Jacob/Jacobson, Gail Malle-Davis, Sylvia J. Brokos, Mary Hawse, Linda Tanton, Gerald Langbaum, John Barry, Pamela Porter, Leo F. Partridge, Mark Vulcan, Jamis Riley, James Britt, Audrey Thomas, Jeanne Lippy, Jesse Rosenburger, Ralph Lepson; transcribers Margaret Bauer, David Seeman; Senators: Walter Baker, Barbara Hoffman, Thomas Middleton, Christopher Van Hollen; Trooper: Marty Sealey, Vincent Mass, election Ross Goldstein; lawyers Joseph Stoltz, Jr., David Venable, Barry Gordon, Stephen Perouka, David Steinberg, Wolpoff & Abramson, Richard D. Mirsky, Poppleton, Garrett & Polott, P.C., accountant Hilda K. Matijevic.

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For more information:
<http://home.att.net/~lyoung2k1>

Transportation Assistance for Seniors

Senior citizen transportation to the polls for the City Election on Tuesday, Nov. 4, is available from the following locations:

Leaving from	Time
Bethany House	8:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Congressional Towers	8:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Ring House	9:30 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.
Town Center	11 a.m. and 3:45 p.m.
Americana	11 a.m. and 3:45 p.m.
Heritage House	12 noon and 4:45 p.m.

Senior citizens living in private homes who require transportation to the polls may call the Senior Services Offices at 240-314-8810 to reserve a ride. Please call no later than Friday, Oct. 31. ■

Starting with the 2003 City elections, Rockville will be publishing all election-related materials that appear in Rockville Reports and on the City Web site in Spanish as well as English. The 2000 United States Census demonstrated the increasing Spanish-speaking population in Rockville. The City wants to ensure all residents have as much information as possible concerning voter registration and information about the election itself.

Sample Ballot and Advisory Referendum

CITY OF ROCKVILLE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
NOVEMBER 4, 2003

Mayor
(Vote for One)

☐ Larry Gianni

☐ Russ Hamill

☐ Write in

City Council
(Vote for No More Than Four)

☐ Robert (Bob) Dorsey

☐ John F. Hall, Jr.

☐ Susan R. Hoffmann

☐ Phyllis Marcuccio

☐ Travis Nelson

☐ Anne M. Robbins

☐ Harry W. Thomas, Jr.

☐ Lin Young

☐ Write in

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Advisory Referendum

Should the terms of office for the Mayor and Councilmembers, effective for the election in November, 2005, be two or four years?

☐ Two years

☐ Four years

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REFERENDUM:
Length of Mayor and Council Terms
This year's ballot includes a non-binding advisory referendum on the length of terms for the Mayor and Council.
Currently, all members of the Mayor and Council are elected every two years. The referendum asks voters if they would prefer that all terms are two or four years.
The referendum holds only advisory status. If a majority of voters favor extended terms, the new Mayor and Council still would have the option to change the charter or to retain two-year terms.
The referendum on the ballot is worded as follows:

"Should the terms of office for the Mayor and Councilmembers, effective for the election in November, 2005, be two or four years?"

RESPONSE: Two years or
 Four years

Voting Instructions for Accuvote

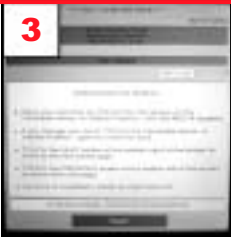
1. START:
Insert voter access card into slot at right of screen. Card must be face up with the arrow pointing forward. Push card firmly until you hear a click.
IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE VOTING UNIT JUDGE.



2. SELECT BALLOT LANGUAGE:
Touch "ENGLISH" or "SPANISH."
Touch "START."
Language may not be changed once selected.



3. READ INSTRUCTIONS:
Touch "START" to see the ballot.

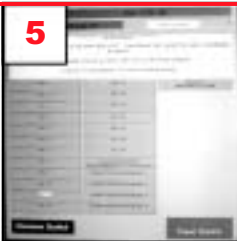


4. SELECT CANDIDATES OR QUESTIONS:

- Touch the box to the left of each candidate or question of your choice. To change or cancel your selection, touch the box again.
- Touch "NEXT" to advance the ballot page.
- Touch "PREVIOUS" to go back.



5. REVIEW & CAST BALLOT:
On REVIEW BALLOT SCREEN, verify your choices. To go back, touch a race or touch "REVIEW BALLOT." To record your vote, touch "CAST BALLOT."

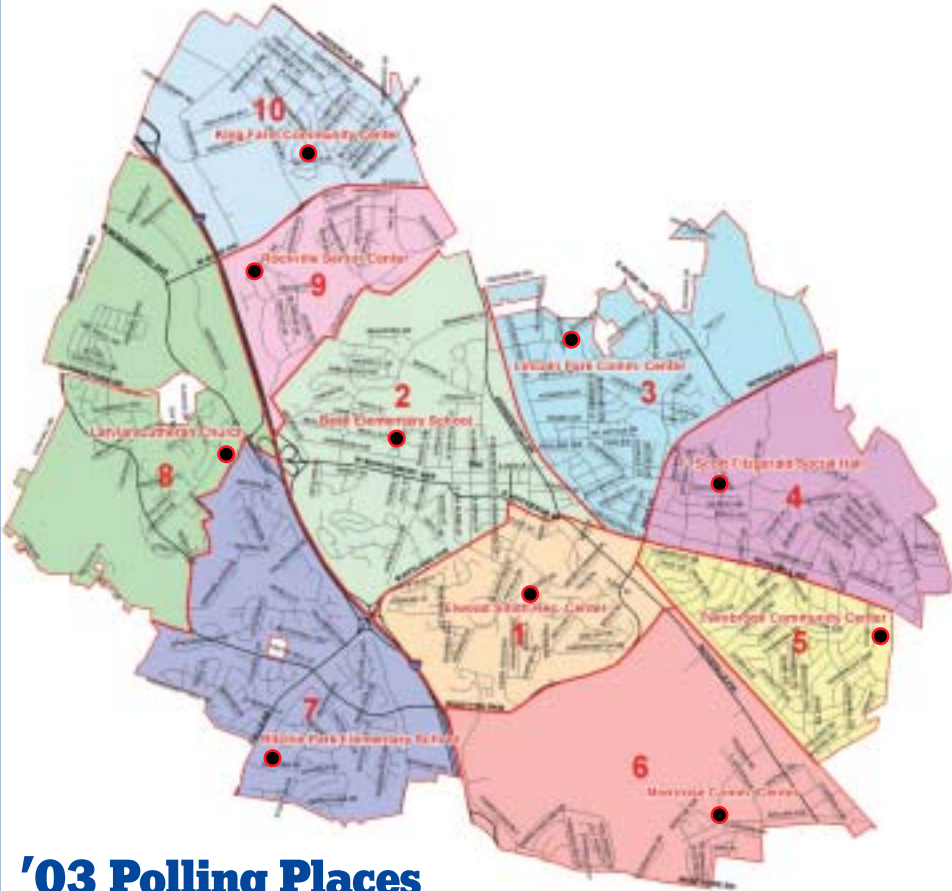


6. FINISH VOTING:
Remove the voter access card and return it to the election judge.



For further information about the election,
Call 240-314-8286.

City of Rockville
2003 Voting Districts



'03 Polling Places

The polling places established for the 2003 election are as follows:

- District 1**
Elwood Smith Recreation Center
601 Harrington Road (at Mercer Road)
- District 2**
Beall Elementary School
451 Beall Avenue
- District 3**
Lincoln Park Community Center
357 Frederick Avenue
- District 4**
Social Hall at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre
603 Edmonston Drive
- *District 5**
Twinbrook Community Center
12920 Twinbrook Parkway

- District 6**
Montrose Community Center
451 Congressional Lane
- District 7**
Ritchie Park Elementary School
1514 Dunster Road
- District 8**
Latvian Lutheran Church
400 Hurley Avenue
- District 9**
Rockville Senior Center
1150 Carnation Drive
- District 10**
King Farm Community Center
300 Saddle Ridge Circle

**This polling place is new for the 2003 Election. The Rockcrest Recreation Center is not a polling place in 2003.*

● Location of polling place.